Need to simplify pay back scheme on exports

2756. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to pay to banks the interest on loans that they advance to exporters against expected refunds of Central State Tax;

(b) if so, what are the details of this intricate and complex pay back scheme;

(c) what would be the estimate of the total amount involved;

(d) whether Government can formulate any simpler and direct schemes to help the importers; and

(e) the steps proposed to simplify and make transparent the entire pay-back and subsidy schemes for the importers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Export of minerals

2757. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the mineral-wise and country-wise details of minerals exported from the country during 2005-06 as compared to 2004-05;

(b) whether Government have imposed any restrictions on export of minerals, particularly the iron-ore; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The details of country-wise export of major minerals, namely, iron ore, manganese ore and chrome ore by India for the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 are in the Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The export of iron ore with iron content more than 64% is restricted through canalization. There are quantitative and qualitative restrictions on the export of chrome ore and manganese ore.

Statement

Details of country-wise export of major minerals

(A) India's country-wise iron ore export

(Qty. Million tonnes)

Country	2004-05	2005-06 (Prov.)
China	59.40	74.13
Japan	11.13	10.33
S. Korea	2.18	1.32
Taiwan	0.61	0.14
Europe	2.89	2.10
Others	1.94	1.25
TOTAL :	78.15	89.27

Source: GMOEA, KIOCL & MMTC Regional Offices

(B) India's country-wise manganese ore export

(Qty. Million tonnes)

Country	2004-05	2005-06 (Prov.)
China	0.256	0.145
Japan	0.038	0.054
S. Korea	0.032	0.033
Bangladesh	0.007	0.003
TOTAL :	0.333	0.235

Source: MMTC Limited

(C) India's country-wise chrome ore (friable/concentrate) export

(Qty. Million tonnes)

Country	2004-05	2005-06 (Prov.)
China	1.170	1.330
TOTAL :	1.170	1.330

Source: MMTC Limited